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BRIDGE AWAITS REPAIR......This dirt road connecting County Roads 60 and 23 has been closed for approximately nine months due to the dangerous condition of the wooden bridge pictured above. The actual floor of the bridge was removed to keep area residents from using the structure.

Bridge replacement program underway

The Coffee County Highway Department is in the midst of a two-year "Bridge Replacement Program" and county engineer Mark Pool reports that three bridges have been reopened to traffic and the remaining bridges now closed should be open again within 12-18 months.

"The state mandated a weight limit program last year," stated Pool, "and the policy forced the counties to inspect all its bridges and make repairs to bridges that didn't meet the standards. I personally inspected many of the bridges in the county on dirt roads and with the help of the county commissioners was able to compile a master list with the grades of the bridges and the bridges in need of repair or replacement. This master list was then used to develop the bridge replacement program now underway in Coffee County."

"Every single bridge listed in the program had been inspected previously by another county engineer," added Pool, "and the previous engineer had also scheduled the bridges for replacement. The county attorney reported that to keep the commission out of possible lawsuits the bridges in question should be closed to all traffic and until the bridges are replaced the bridges will remain closed and we have actually removed bridge spans to keep people off the dangerous structures."

The engineer stated that a total of 10 bridges were originally closed and reported that three of the bridges have been replaced.

"The bridges that have been replaced have all been on dirt roads and while many will argue that the dirt roads aren't important, the roads serve a vital purpose to those who use the roads," said Pool. "The replacement bridges include concrete

and steel pilings that meet the water and ground and all are designed to withstand any weight. The spacing of the timbers was designed by the state's highway department computer and these bridges are sound, to say the least!"

Pool reported that the wood timbers would last approximately 30 years, while the substructure would

last 150-200 years.

"These bridges were built to last," declared Pool, "and in 50 years when the timbers may need replacing it will take only a couple of hours to complete the job. The bridges take 3-4 weeks to complete and are constructed by a county bridge crew at a cost of \$10-15,000, which is less than half what a con-

tractor would charge to build a similar bridge."

"The bridges we build are built to last and built to provide the safest possible means of transportation to the people who use them."

Pool added that all bridges on paved roads have also been inspected and will be repaired and replaced with federal funds.



NEW BRIDGE SPANS CREEK......This newly constructed bridge over the Beaverdam Creek off County Road 54 took three weeks to construct and cost the county a total of \$11,500. The bridge reopened the road to local traffic and saved the county over \$10,000.

LaDonna Tucker forfeits \$20,000 appearance bond

A former Coffee County woman who failed to show for her third murder trial on March 21 in Troy had a \$20,000 appearance bond forfeited last week and was returned to jail after a new bond of \$100,000 was set by Circuit Judge Gary McAliley.

LaDonna Lynn Tucker, formerly of Enterprise, appeared before Judge McAliley on Thursday, April 28, in Troy for a hearing dealing with the bond forfeiture and her failure to appear for the trial.

Mrs. Tucker, charged with murder in connection with the 1981 shooting death of her husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker, was remanded back to the Coffee County Circuit Court in 1986 by the Alabama Supreme Court and a later change of venue moved the trial to Pike County, where a second trial ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Mrs. Tucker was released on bond and reportedly returned to the home of relatives in Kansas, but failed to return to Alabama in March for the start of the third trial and was apprehended and returned to the state by law enforcement officials.

During the bond forfeiture hearing

last week, Tucker's court appointed attorneys presented affidavits from Mrs. Tucker's daughter and sister, both of which dealt with the mental state of Mrs. Tucker prior to the scheduled March 21 trial date. The affidavits reported that Mrs. Tucker had apparently intended to return to the state for the trial.

Mr. O.D. Huddleston, Mrs. Tucker's father, stated at the hearing that his daughter was having mental problems and testified that at times Mrs. Tucker was almost impossible to understand.

In his request for the bond forfeiture, District Attorney Joel Folmar stated that the failure of Mrs. Tucker to appear for the March trial cost the state an estimated \$3-5,000 in expenses to provide transportation to some forty witnesses. He added that it also cost over \$1,000 to go to Kansas and return Mrs. Tucker to the state.

In making the ruling, Judge McAliley stated that Mrs. Tucker had given no legal excuse or justification for failing to appear.

A tentative trial date of Aug. 15 has been scheduled for the third trial of Mrs. Tucker, with the trial to be held at the Pike County courthouse, in Troy.

Prisoner of War medal available

The United States Secretary of Defense has announced that the "Prisoner Of War Medal," recently authorized by the Congress, is now available for issue to former prisoners of war.

The medal will be issued at no charge to any person who was taken prisoner of war and held captive after April 5, 1917. To qualify, an individual must have been taken prisoner during an armed conflict

(World War 1, World War 2, Korea and Vietnam) and must have rendered honorable service during the period of captivity.

Former prisoners of war or their next of kin may apply for the medal and those needing additional information should contact Mr. Robert E. Lolley, Coffee County Veterans Service Officer, at 347-6440 in Enterprise or 897-2924 in Elba.

Registrars set dates for May

The Board of Registrars will register people to vote during the following days in May:
Elba: May 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13.
Enterprise: May 16 - 17 - 18

- 19 - 20 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27.
Hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Location is Elba Courthouse Annex, and in Enterprise at the Courthouse.

READ A GOOD BOOK THIS WEEK

Used book sale set at Elba library Monday, May 9

The Elba Public Library will be holding a Used Book Sale May 9 - 13, 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

"The books are mostly adult and juvenile fiction," said Mrs. Doris Taylor, librarian.

The library is located at 808 Putnam St., in the old Dr. Kimmey Clinic.

Prevention of elderly abuse is problem for all

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources reported this week that it would like to remind all area residents that abuse and ne-

glect of the elderly is a problem which cannot be adequately remedied without the help of the community.

Brunson named VP at NSIC

W.L. (Bill) Brunson has been selected as an assistant vice president of National Security Insurance Company and its subsidiary National Security Fire and Casualty Company. It was announced last week by company officials.

Brunson, the son of the late Lester Brunson, the founder of National Security, and Mrs. Carolyn English Brunson, was elected at separate Board of Directors meetings held on April 21 and March 17, respectively.

Mr. Brunson received his B.S. in corporate finance from the University of Alabama in 1980 and his law degree in 1983 from the university's Law School. He joined the company's legal staff immediately upon graduation and is presently working

primarily with litigation-type claims and other general corporate legal matters for both companies. A native of Elba, Brunson is married to the former Rhonda Baze-man, also of Elba.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - MAY 8 !!!

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources released its monthly bulletin last week and in the report director Ronald Smith stated that despite staff shortages the department continued to operate in a smooth and efficient manner.

"The work of the agency continues to work in a smooth and efficient manner," stated Smith, "and I appreciate the excellent work of the staff in this agency. We continue to need to replace the worker in the Food Stamp office that transferred to another county and we also need another child support worker. The regional coordinator is aware of the needs of the department and I think the position will be filled as soon as possible."

Smith also reported that the child support collections in Coffee County were the highest ever recorded in the county. The high col-

lection rate, according to Smith, was due to the efforts of Judge Gary McAliley and Judge Tom Head, as well as the District Attorney's office.

Community Resources supervisor or Glenda Smith reported that the video "How Can I Tell If I'm Really In Love" was shown to students and presentations were given to students regarding sexual abuse. Presentations were also given regarding communication and learning responsibility. Seventy-seven students saw the video about self-esteem and an AIDS video was shown to both students and a group of adults in their work place.

"Life skills were presented to a group of senior citizens," added Mrs. Smith, "and it was quite enjoyable. The energetic personalities of these senior citizens could be a

lesson to us all."

Mrs. Smith stated that a parenting skills class was started at the DeRamus Headstart Center in Enterprise and that the classes were being presented in conjunction with nutrition classes sponsored by the County Extension Office. One on one parenting skills training with parents in their homes is also being held, which provides new parents and parents with problems a chance to meet with experts and save their problems.

Food Stamp Office supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in March the office issued stamps to a total of 1,196 households, with the total number of people in the households being 3,043. The total value of the stamps was \$130,623.

Service Unit supervisor Cathie Hansen stated that during the past month the unit investigated a total of 29 cases, including 12 cases of possible physical abuse, 5 cases of possible sexual abuse and 12 possible cases of neglect.

"Anyone providing child care (babysitting) to unrelated children in their home is required to be licensed by our unit," added Hansen. "This licensing involves checking references, surveying the home and insuring safety guidelines are met. Parents who work should insist on licensed, quality day care for their children and can receive a list of licensed providers at the Human Resources office, in Elba."

Eligibility and Child Support supervisor Dianne Parker reported that eligibility workers attended the corrective action meeting for public assistance workers in March.

"These meetings are always enlightening as far as policy interpretation is concerned," stated Parker, "and it is always amazing how differently individuals and counties can interpret and apply the same policy in so many different ways and yet feel as if they were doing it according to policy. These meetings always give those in attendance a different perspective on certain policies and at the same time encourage a sense of unity throughout the state."

Parker also reported that during the past month total child support collections were \$44,529.68.

MAY

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

In case any of our cattle ranchers in the area have been taking a long nap, they have an important vote coming up on May 10. That is the day that decides the fate of the beef check-off program. Now this ain't nothing for the newspaper folks to get into, because it is of the cattle industry, by the cattle industry and for the cattle industry. In other words the purpose of the whole thing is for a little bit of every cattle sale to be set aside to promote the industry. What we do urge is that those who will benefit and/or pay the bill, be sure you have a voice in this vote on May 10.

You never know when or where you will find something very interesting. Sunday, Hedy and I stumbled upon a high school biology teacher who has as a hobby the raising of all kinds of rare ducks, etc. He even has a beautiful pair of ducks from Russia and boy are they pretty. . . . some folks consider this duck the prettiest in the world. We found him by accident, because, my talking. We had stopped at a small place the other side of Birmingham. . . in Walker County, Alabama (we think) and finally this man suggested we look at his son's hobby and BOY DID HE HAVE A HOBBY!! -- three-thousand-dollar birds; week-old parrots, black swans, ducks from South America, birds on the endangered list, big ones, tiny ones, etc. Here is a school teacher with a hobby that takes about \$40,000 a year to feed! Naturally even school teachers need help paying that feed bill and he gets help by selling young ducks to zoos around the world. We enjoyed the brief drive in a long drive.

This political season has put some people out of sorts. A political candidate is normally open game for jokes as takeoff on their name, profession, etc. but this year Jesse Jackson has these folks a bit confused. Oh, there are plenty of potential jokes out there and some are floating around but now a Jesse Jackson joke is considered racist and that ain't accepted in our society any more. Frankly we have heard a few that made us laugh, but we don't dare repeat them for fear of being labeled the same as those who have dared to speak out against this man being the presidential nominee of the national Democratic party.

Sunday is Mother's Day and we would be ashamed if we failed to take a moment to pay our respects to all the mothers out there and especially to our own. We don't always do right, but we can depend on mothers to overlook our faults and remind us of the good side. By the way I have a pretty good mother-in-law also. She ain't one of those that all the jokes are told on, in fact her and I get along great!

Elba may become the site of a new Day Care Center for Adults if a proposal being backed around by city officials, the county health department and Human Resources is productive. We talked with all three of these groups last week and they paint a pretty positive picture of Elba's chances of getting this project off the ground. We like the idea of having a respectable place that adults with problems that make children uneasy about leaving home all day can avoid being by themselves. When the children need to go to a regular job every day this can create a problem. In this project, the adult would be dropped off at the center when the person normally with them was enroute to work and picked up on the way home. A trained person would be available to administer any needed medicine; meals would be available. This would provide jobs for fifteen to twenty-five people, and day care for some 100 area adults. Once the start-up cost of an estimated \$135,000 is raised, the facility would be self-supporting through nominal payments from those staying each day. By the way, the location for this facility as it is presently being considered is the former Gunter-Dunn building now owned by the City of Elba and being considered for several uses - and also demolition is a possibility. The building is large enough for some 225 people, but authorities suggest keeping the number down to about 100 or 125. We support this project with enthusiasm.

Last week we commended the county commissioners for voting down a proposal to borrow a bunch of money to pave roads right here before election time. . . . in other words buying mine and your vote with our money. Well an alert reader noted we didn't condemn the Elba City Council and they had borrowed money for street paving right before election and had already awarded the bids, according to our own news columns. Well they are right. . . . and we had already voiced this to the city officials. However we must admit, Elba got a whole of a good price from Earl Stinson and family on this paving. In fact we would kinda like to see the county get off that "all or nothing" kick and maybe get some of those good prices on some of our very worse roads, without borrowing almost a million dollars.

Band Day is over at Elba High School for another year. We went to the Womanless Beauty Contest Thursday night and made a picture of the "winners". Now having been in one of those for the band several years ago we think we can speak as an expert. There should be a special place in heaven for those men who make such utter fools of themselves just to raise money for the band (or for anything). We did it once and may do it again some day, but it will be a long time off for us. There are a lot of laughs for the participants, those paying to see the show and all, but oh how foolish it feels.

There will be a meeting in Enterprise today (Thursday) of folks concerned over the use of drugs in Coffee County. The meeting will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Beginning time for the meeting is 9:30 a.m.



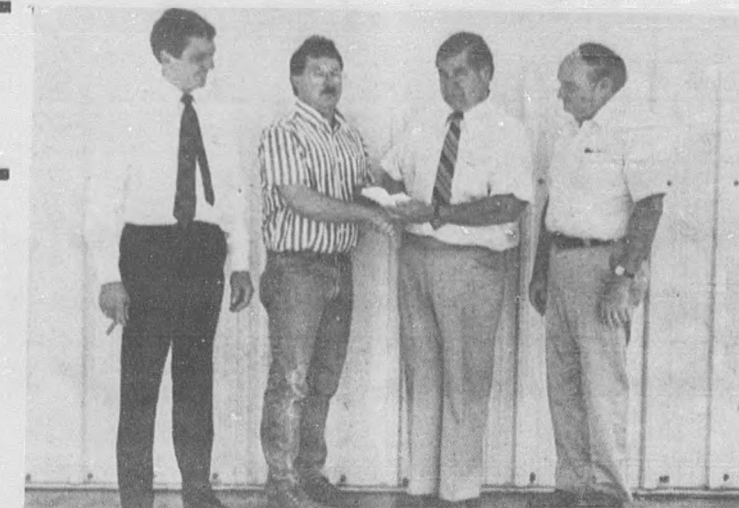
HONOR OLDER AMERICANS...Coffee County Commission chairman Judge Marion Brunson signs a resolution declaring Older American Month in Coffee County. The month will include several special events in the county.

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ELBA JAYCEES PRESENT CHECK...Terry Spicer (second from left) presented a check in the amount of \$250 last week to be used in the construction of a new fountain on the courthouse square in Elba. Pictured are (l-r) Mayor Bob English, Terry Spicer, Probate Judge Marion Brunson and Commissioner Robert Stephens.

ELBA HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of April 26 through May 2 include the following:

Albert Grimes, Pearl Armstrong, Mozell Glover, Janet Johnson, Janet Lockett, Alzie Lee Tid-

well.

Persons discharged during the same period of time include: Lela Wilson, Benjamin Mallory, Jane Hodge, Junell Johnson, Mozell Glover, Janet Lockett, Beris Johnson.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported a quiet week with a total of only 1 arrest (criminal trespass) and no traffic citations.

Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
Routine activity reported.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
Activity included a grass fire on the Airport Road (4:14 p.m.) and a shoplifter at the Piggly Wiggly (6:28 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Activity included a woods fire on County Road 21 (1:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
Activity included a wreck near City Hall (4:52 p.m.) and a fire on

County Road 30 (7:42 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
Activity included a disturbance at Smith Avenue (2:29 a.m.) and a prowler at Claxton Avenue (8:32 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 31
Activity included a disturbance at the Big/Little parking lot (3:11 a.m.), a subject swimming in the pool at Hawkins-Williams Park (1:33 p.m.), a complaint of loud music at Kendrick Apartments (1:42 p.m.) and a prowler at Claxton Avenue (8:17 p.m.).

MONDAY, MAY 1
Activity included a prowler at Payne Street (3:17 a.m.), a wreck at The Peoples Bank (10:41 a.m.) and a fire at Highway 141 (4:20 p.m.).

OBITUARIES

PEARLIE MAE ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Pearl Mae Armstrong, 77, of Jack, died Sunday, May 1, 1988, in an Elba hospital.

Funeral services were held May 3 at 2 p.m. at Faith Chapel Church, with the Rev. Zealton Smith officiating. Burial was in Antioch Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include six daughters: Lavenia Quattlebaum, Evelyn Nelson, Marla Nelson, Mary Caudy, all of Elba; Opal Kelley, Panama City, Fla.; Sybil Bagwell, Jack; one son, George Hodge, Panama City, Fla.; seven sisters: Mary Lou Johnson, Elba; Lilly Williams, Apopka, Fla.; Ellen Price, Brantley, Ruby Pope, Phenix City; Willie Ruth Edgar, Opp; Berna Lee Kelley, Sanford; Bonnie Flowers, Haines City, Fla.; eight brothers: Howard Marshall, Lamar Marshall, both of Elba; Hoy Marshall, David Marshall, Leon Marshall, all of Haines City, Fla.; Joel Marshall, Orlando, Fla.; Ray Marshall, George Marshall, both of Opp; 19 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

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Miss Baker To Wed Mr. Cape

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Merle Baker and the late Mr. Perry Baker, and Mrs. Magaleen Bundy McCollough and the late Mr. Tolbert Bundy.

She is a 1983 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and a 1988 graduate of Troy State University with a degree in Accounting.

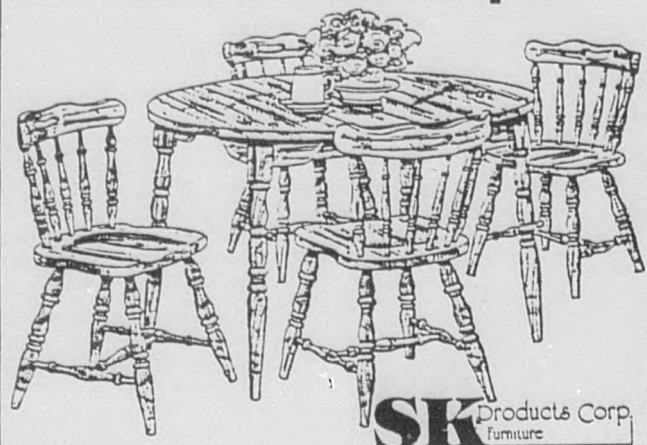
The future groom is the grand-

son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Register and the late Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Cape.

He is a 1981 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attended Troy State University. He is presently serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed in New Orleans, La.

The wedding will take place at Jack Assembly of God Church on May 14, at two o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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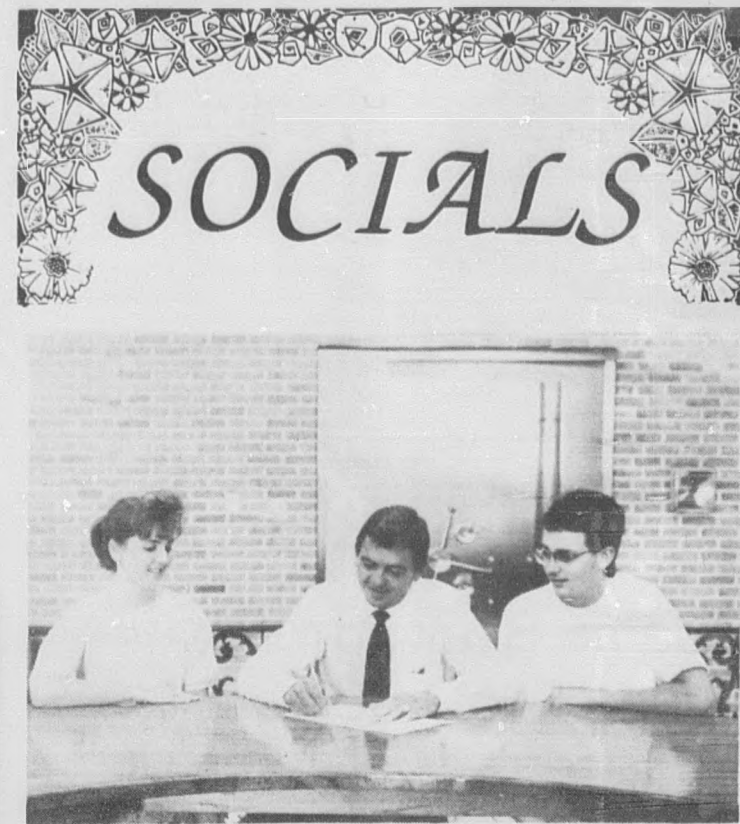
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Miss Rita Coon

Miss Coon And Mr. Thompson
Plan June Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coon of Elba, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita Renee, to Rex Allen Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thompson of Enterprise.

Bride-elect's grandparents are Mrs. Mary Legg and the late Mr. Roy Legg of Brantley; and Mrs. Rosa Coon of Elba, and the late Mr. Alvin (Buddy) Coon of Opp.

Miss Coon is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School. She graduated from Enterprise State Junior College with an Associate Applied Science degree in Office Administration. She is employed by Coffee County District Judge Thomas E. Head, III, as a Judicial secretary.

Future groom's grandparents are the late Mr. J.O. Henderson of Kinston, and the late Mrs. Connie M. Henderson of Georgia, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Thompson of Daleville.

The future groom graduated from Enterprise High School in 1983 and will graduate from Auburn University in August of 1988 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering.

The wedding will be June 11, 1988, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the County Line Baptist Church in Enterprise.

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FAMILY TALK

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Coffee County
Chicken-Que
Held Recently

ANGELA HUGHES
Associate County Agent

Eleven 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H Chicken-Que at the New Brockton Farm Center recently, to try their skills with barbecuing. They were Cornelius Burrows, Reuben Moguel, Heather Koerner, Scott Adkinson, Amy DeVaughan and Heath Hughes, all of New Brockton Elementary School; Jennifer Lindsey and Christy Sipper, New Brockton High School; Joey Gregg, Elba Middle School; Reggie Britt, College Street Elementary School, and Keith Smith, Kinston High School.

Purpose of the Chicken-Que awards program is to provide an expanded 4-H Club project that teaches members the art of barbecuing poultry, to encourage increased consumption of broilers, and to acquaint 4-H members with the importance of Alabama's poultry industry.

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Do departed Christians become angels in heaven?

Bob Prichard

No. It is sometimes said in funeral especially if the funeral is for a small child, "There is now another angel in heaven." But there is no evidence in scripture that any person becomes an angel upon death, and in fact the scriptures teach otherwise. This myth that departed humans become angels is very popular with today's entertainment industry, and numerous movies and television programs have been made with this theme. Often a person supposedly goes to heaven, but must come back to earth to perform some good deed, in order to earn his "angel wings," or some such thing. These ideas come from man's imagination, not from God's revelation!

Angels are created beings, separate and apart from human beings. The psalmist said, "Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts...for he commanded, and they were created" (Psalm 148:2, 5). Not only were the angels created, they apparently were created before the world. Job 38 speaks of the creation of the world, when "the sons of God (or angels) shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). Nehemiah wrote, "Thou, even thou, art Lord above all: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all that is therein, and all things that are therein" (Neh. 9:6). The heavenly host, that worship God, is made up of angels.

We know that men, good and evil, can and do die. Jesus told the story of Lazarus the beggar in Luke 16. "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22). Lazarus died, but he was still Lazarus, and did not become an angel. Instead, he was carried to Paradise by angels. 1 Corinthians 15 clearly teaches the resurrection. Paul writes, "Behold, I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:51-53). The Bible teaches resurrection. If men became angels, it would be re-incarnation, not resurrection.

Angels are a distinct creation of God. They are neither divine, human, nor animal. The first chapter of Hebrews emphasizes the fact that Jesus as God was above the angels. "Christ sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (Heb. 1:3-4). But because of His love for man, "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Heb. 2:9).

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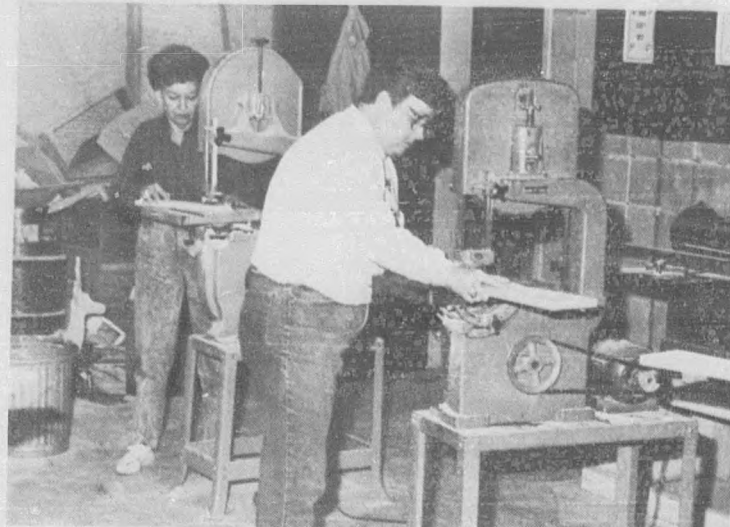
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LADIES NIGHT OUT...Betty Hudson and Lucy Brueckner are two of three ladies taking part in the wood working class offered by the Elba High School agri-business class. The ladies have become efficient with the tools and have used the class to build lovely household items.



THIS IS HOW IT SAYS TO DO IT...Bob Brueckner and Grady Thomas double-check blueprints and take inventory on wood as they get ready to get to work.



JANARIA THOMAS checks with the instructional manual before turning on the saw and getting to work during a recent class.

Elba High Agri-Business Offers Night Adult Class

In following with his belief that a complete agri-business program should benefit the students, the school and the entire community, Elba High School agri-business instructor Mike Harrelson has begun an adult wood working class that meets two nights a week and teaches basic wood working skills to adults in the community.

A complete program should provide something for everyone in the community, stated Harrelson during a break in a recent night class, and by getting the adults involved it can help our program two ways. First, it gives the program a chance to grow and gives the adults a chance to see one of the areas of learning that we instruct and second, it gets the adults involved in the program. By getting the adults involved, it lets us form somewhat of a booster club, much like the Athletic Club or Band Boosters are to the organizations that they support.

"Adults in the wood working class build individual projects and must provide their own supplies," added Harrelson, "while we provide the most professional equipment available and instruction as needed."

McArthur Tech Releases Honor Roll For Quarter

The Honor Roll for winter quarter at MacArthur State Technical College has been released. Those who made all A's are:

Brantley - Martin J. Barnes, Paul D. Batchelor, Vickie L. Benbow, Ruby D. Johnson, Randall K. Linton, Larry H. McCormick, Bobby C. Mills, Timothy J. Prescott, and Pamela E. Veit.

Dozier - Johnny J. Berry, Tammy J. Berry, Lisa D. Gaston, Michael L. Mitchell, and Roger A. Moore.

Elba - Bobby R. Boswell, Dennis L. Donaldson, Melissa A. Harrelson, Danny R. Harrison, Roy S. McIntosh, Shane W. Meek, Randolph F. Willis, and Donnie H. Wood.

Jack - Christopher F. Carter, and Susan D. Hurd.

Kinston - Joann P. Burkett, and Ricky E. Norris.

Luckart - Bobby J. Miller, Luverne - Brenda S. Parks, Rutledge - Willie J. Rogers.

By using our equipment at the people involved in the class get actual hands on experience and actually learn the trade, to an extent.

The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Vocational Educational building at Elba High School and everyone is invited.

This class will end in a couple of weeks," said Harrelson, "but in the future we hope to hold such classes as landscape design and of course wood working, so the adults in the community need to get involved and join the program."

Grant Coleman Is Nominated For National Honors

Grant Coleman, who attends Elba High School, was nominated for this National Award by Gary Bradley, head director at the school.

Grant's biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude, and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Grant is the son of Nelda Coleman. The grandparents are Myra and Nelma Smith of Elba.

4-H NEWS

The 5th grade girls March 4-H meeting gave Wendy Bare place in the poster contest. Also, Ladonna Head, Evonne Rayborn, and Sharon Young got participate ribbons for their crafts.

Mrs. Hughes explained our upcoming events which are Public Speaking, Plant and Soil Activity, Chicken Que, 4-H Camp, Clogging, T-Shirt Workshop, and the Craft Club.

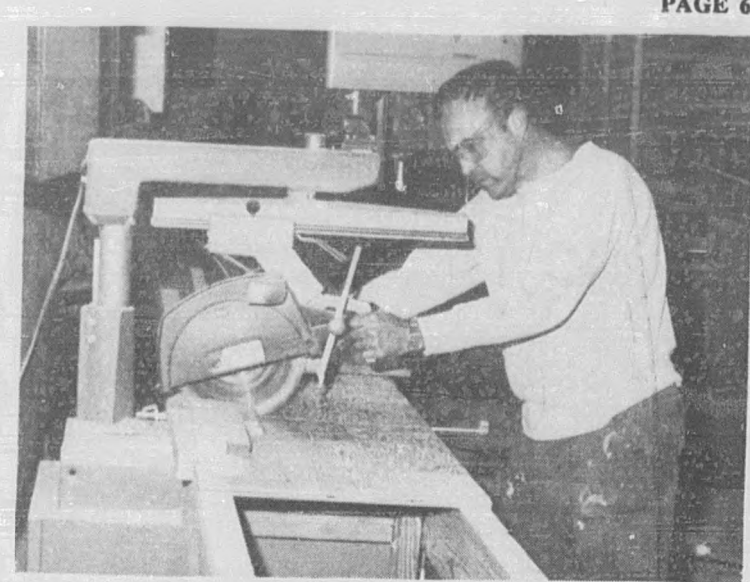
We also talked about our nutrients, such as what to eat. We should eat food from each food group. We also talked about record keeping. Our next meeting will be our last, so I encourage you to turn in your record collection.

MAKESHA YOUNG
Elba Middle School Reporter

The Elba Middle School 4th grade 4-Hers talked about Panama. It was the last meeting of 4-H and next will be the 4-H rally.

STERLING JONES
4th Grade 4-H Reporter

GOOD LUCK TIGERS...IN STATE !!!!!



BUZZZZZZ...Al English begins cutting wood as he progresses with his wood working project at the vocational building at Elba High School.



MISS EBONY LAS DONAS was crowned recently and the winner was Lateisha Linette Tillis, (left), age 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Tillis. First runner-up was Vanessa White, age 14, daughter of Ms. Aquanette White. (Not pictured - 2nd runner-up Tammy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Williams.



WINNERS in the recent Little Miss Bronze Pageant were: Little Miss Bronze - Cassandra Fleming, (left) age 8, daughter of Ms. Dolray Fleming; and 1st runner-up - Tawanna Rogers, daughter of Ms. Carolyn Caldwell. (Not pictured - 2nd runner-up - Lanadra Caldwell, daughter of Ms. Carolyn Caldwell.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM MEMBERS: (L-R): Paul Pyfrom, Robert Smith, Andy Danner, Chuck Green and Shannon Ellis.

ZC Special Olympians Compete

By: Wayne Davis

Mrs. Hodge's class recently traveled to Troy State University to participate in the 1988 Ft. Rucker Area Special Olympics. The students competed in the softball throw, 50-meter dash and the standing long jump.

Winners in the softball throw were:
Andy Danner - first
Chris Nelson - first
Paul Pyfrom - second
Robert Smith - second
Jennifer Ziglar - second
Chuck Green - third
Shannon Ellis - fourth.

Winners in the 50-meter dash were:

Jennifer Ziglar - first
Chris Nelson - fifth
The students ate lunch at McDonald's and went shopping at Wal-Mart. After shopping they traveled back to McDonald's for ice cream.

Janet Stewart Honored

Outstanding College Students of America is pleased to announce that Janet M. Stewart has been selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishments.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart of Jack, AL.

REBEL BRIEFS

SENIOR CLASS VISITS ESJC'S CAREER DAY

By: Lavonia Johnson
The Zion Chapel senior class, along with many other students, visited Enterprise State Junior College for their annual Career Day. The class left at 8:30 a.m. and arrived at 9 a.m.

The students talked with various people about the jobs they were interested in. They also picked up pamphlets, pens, pencils and stickers.

About 11 a.m. they left and went to eat at the Steak House, McDonald's and Dairy Queen. Afterwards they went shopping then loaded up and came home.

FBLA AND ANNUAL STAFF RAISE FUNDS

By: Robbie Davis
Members of the Zion Chapel FBLA and annual staff raised \$1,745 to cover year-book clinic expenses by selling gift items. The clubs are sending a dollar per member to the FBLA state office for the Sizemore/McClendon Scholarship Fund.

Stephanie Goodson sold \$206.50 worth of merchandise, making her top salesperson. Members selling \$100 or more were Dana Dean, Randy Flowers, Dana Camley, Robyn Ross and Teresa Owens.

SIXTH GRADE VISITS WIREGRASS COMMONS

By: Chris Moultry
The sixth grade class went to Landmark Park on a field trip last week. These young had a chance to see how the people of our area lived a long time ago. They saw various animals that we now raise on our farms. They also had a chance to observe a bit of nature as they walked down a nature trail. They saw turtles, snakes and beavers. There was also a beaver dam.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal at Wiregrass Commons.

The day was very rewarding.

Mrs. Betty Keeforge sponsored the trip. Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess, Mr. Denby Lowery and Mrs. Mary Ward were chaperones. Mrs. Vivian Cole drove the bus.

BASEBALL TEAM ENDS SEASON

By: Todd Rugg
The Zion Chapel Rebels' baseball team ended their season with a 1-4 loss to the Arion Purple Cats. The game only went four innings and the Rebels just couldn't get anything going. Arion seemed to be on a roll.

The Rebels ended their season 7-1.

ELEMENTARY 4-H MEMBERS PREPARE FOR RALLY

By: Oma Lee Bundy
The Zion Chapel elementary students in grades four through six are competing in the 4-H rally on May 6. They will compete in the 100- and 50-yard dashes and relay, innubrace race, egg toss, human wheelbarrow, three-legged race, tag of war and balloon popping.

Each student is working hard to do their best at the rally. They have been practicing for two weeks.

Winning students will receive first, second- and third-place ribbons, and the school with the most points will receive trophies at the end of the rally.

FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS GO ON AN ADVENTURE

By: Chris Moultry
Mrs. Chris Suley, fifth-grade elementary teacher, took 36 students on a field trip. The first stop was at the Pike Pioneer Museum where they spent two-and-a-half hours.

The students were interested in a moon tree that was exhibited at the museum. They also liked the petrifed plants.

Mrs. Thornton, a lady at the museum, demonstrated a spinning wheel and loom for the students.

After a few hours of visiting the past, the students ate and then toured the Troy State University campus. While there they went to the library where they were amazed at the number of books and amount of equipment. They visited the Journalism and Photography Depts., where they saw the printing process.

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Softballers Open Season

The Zion Chapel girls' softball team was defeated 8-7 by Arion recently.

The Lady Rebels were leading 5-1 in the bottom of the third. The Arion players scored three runs in the fourth and another three runs in the fifth.

The Rebels scored two points in the last three innings but couldn't break the one-point lead Arion made in the top of the sixth. This was the Rebels' first game of the season.

County Candidates Meet At ZC Press Conference

By: Jane Davis

The Class of 1988, most of whom will be old enough to vote on June 7, held a press conference to meet the candidates who are seeking election to local offices.

Those attending the press conference were probate judge candidates Marion Brunson and Dwight Adams; District 1 commissioner candidates Jimmy Bryan, Jim DuBoise, Sammie Wambles and Hubert Ray Bryan; District 2 commissioner candidates Billy Eageron, Roy Hilton and Gary McDaniel; and school board Place 2 candidate Jean McDaniel.

Joe Green, a candidate for District 2 commissioner, sent a response expressing his regrets for his inability to attend.

Eric Wilson, candidate for school board Place 2, also wrote the class expressing his regrets. He also explained his stand on various issues and used the letter to introduce himself and his family to the class.

Mr. Dwight Adams started the press conference by commending Mrs. Rachel Bryan and her class of seniors for wanting to get involved in the voting system.

The seniors asked questions on many issues including the operation of the highway department; the one-cent sales tax, the number of commissioners in the county, and many others.

After a follow-up discussion of the press conference, Mrs. Bryan was asked about the results. She said, "The seniors enjoyed meeting the candidates. It made them feel

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Tammy Duncan Places In Top 10 At Pageant

By: Jackie Parrish

Tammy Duncan recently competed in the America's Homecoming Queen Pageant held at the Hilton Inn in Birmingham. She received a plaque for placing in the top ten. Zion Chapel High School will also receive a plaque for Tammy's participation in the pageant.

When the girls arrived at the Hilton Inn they were given a banner with their school's name on it, a crown, a T-shirt and a tote bag. They were then assigned to a room.

All schools in the state of Alabama were sent an entry form from America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. The 1987-88 homecoming queens were to send a photo of themselves and their entry form back to the corporation.

Tammy was chosen by a panel of judges out of 400 other applicants to participate in the pageant as state finalists.

Tammy said, "It was a great experience and the girls with whom I made friends were so sweet. I felt



like I was right at home with them. There was never a dull moment.

I hope next year's homecoming queen will get to go to the pageant and compete and just maybe we will have a winner.

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Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

The youth baseball season started last week and it was kind of funny to watch my fellow umpires walk slowly toward the fields Thursday night after one night of action. It's sometimes hard to squat down behind a 9-year-old catcher in Dixie Youth for sixth innings and then try to stand up straight the next day, much less have to get back out on the field and call another game. I wanted to grin a little at my colleagues, but I couldn't, because I was just as sore as they were and knew just how they felt!

TIGER BASEBALLERS READY FOR STATE TOURNEY

The Elba Tigers upped their record to 10-4 last week with a Thursday night win over Enterprise and appear to be ready and waiting for this week's opening round of the Class 3A baseball playoffs.

A couple of years ago a winning record in baseball for the Tigers was almost unheard of; however, as the youth baseball leagues began to become more established the players began to learn the skills of the game at an earlier age and the carry over to the high school team began to show. The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars advanced to District play twice in recent years and last summer the Babe Ruth All-Stars made it all the way to the state tourney before being eliminated. This competition can only help make the high school team better and better!

The learning process in youth baseball plays a big part in the success of the high school squad, but of course another major factor in the recent success of the Tigers is Coach Rick Rainer. Coach Rainer inherited a sport that was played only because everybody else did it and over the years has firmly established a winning attitude and basic skills. Rainer now gets his team together in the winter to begin throwing and works the seniors before spring football training ends. The remainder of the team works on weekends until football is over and then hits the field to start the season. Coach Rainer's dedication to baseball at Elba High has paid dividends that aren't hard to see!

REMEMBER, THE GAMES ARE FOR THE KIDS

I umpired Dixie Youth baseball one night last week and was unpleasantly surprised with the actions of some of the coaches. The games were only exhibition games and didn't count on the schedule; however, one coach intentionally walked a batter three straight times after the youngster had hit a home-run on his first at bat and another had apparently told his batters to wait for a walk, because some of the kids never even attempted to swing.

I know that the coaches want to win and if I was coaching I would go all out to win every game I coached, but the reason we're all out there is to teach the kids how to play and then give them a chance to use what they've learned in the games. Coaches, it's still just a game and when kids play a game they should have fun!!!

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHURCH SOFTBALL?

The men's softball league season opened last week with a total of eight teams competing and while the teams are all providing a lot of excitement, I have one question - what happened to the church softball league?

I helped organize the league a couple of years ago and for a while the league went great with each church having plenty of players and all the games being fun to watch. Last year the league suffered and there were more no-shows than games, but all that I think is lacking is the support of the recreation department and the churches themselves. I know that every church in Elba has 10-15 members that would like to get a little exercise a night or two a week and by playing softball the members can get exercise and have fun at the same time. The recreation department needs to work with the churches in an attempt to revive the league and do whatever it will take to get the league back on firm ground, even if it means cutting the entry fee.

Sometimes all it takes is a little push to get somebody started and I think that the church league is just waiting for someone to provide that spark.

IN CLOSING....

I went out to a horse stable the other day to do a feature story and had my story shot down when I learned that a judge had ruled that walking horses and racking horses couldn't show their talents if they had pads or chains. I'm no expert about horses, but I talked with a professional trainer who has horses in his stable from all over the nation and he assured me that there was nothing cruel or harmful about either the pads or chains and after listening for a while I had to agree. The pads raise the horse off the ground, but baseball players wear spikes and they serve the same basic purposes and the chains are simply a way of training horses to step properly. I know that there will always be bad trainers who punish horses, just like there are bad people who take advantage of others, but to simply put a halt to a sport is unfair!

VOTE FOR ROBERT STEPHENS Coffee County Commission District Three

Billy Paul Owens....

Was a good commissioner and a good man and after being appointed to fulfill the remaining months of his term I felt it was my duty and privilege to see that the promises he made to the residents of District 3 were carried out. This dirt road that leads to the New Home Church and cemetery was one of the promises that Billy Paul made and I worked hard to see that the road was re-worked and made ready for the paving that one day will occur. I have done my best to fulfill each and every promise Billy Paul made and with your vote and support will continue to serve the residents in District 3 in the future!

(Paid Political Ad By Robert G. Stephens, Rt.4, Elba, AL. 36323)

Sports

Elba Tigers Dump Enterprise 4-2

The Elba Tigers gained sweet revenge for an early season loss Thursday night when they traveled to Enterprise and handed the 6A Enterprise Wildcats a 4-2 defeat.

Reds Grab Lead In Babe Ruth Baseball Action

The Babe Ruth Baseball League opened its season last week and the Reds posted two wins to jump atop the league standings.

The Reds lead with a 2-0 state, followed by the Dodgers 1-1, White Sox 1-1 and A's 0-2.

Following are highlights of the opening week's action:

RED DODGERS 10 4

The Reds exploded early to down the Dodgers 10-4. The Reds grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the season opener, but saw the Dodgers rally to pull even and after four innings of play the Reds held a slim 3-2 advantage. The Reds scored 7 runs in the fifth inning on only 3 hits to blow the game open and take the win!

Joe Johnson got 3 hits to lead the Reds at the plate and combined with Kenneth King to pitch a 2 hitter and strike out 12 batters. Eric Simmons got both Dodger hits.

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WHITE SOX 7 4

The White Sox rallied late to nip the A's 7-4. The A's led 3-2 after three innings and appeared headed for a win, but the Sox pulled even in the fourth and then scored 4 runs in the fifth to post the win.

Keith Chandler got 2 hits for the

White Sox, while pitchers Shane Blanton and Kyle DuRose combined to toss a 2 hitter and struck out 9 batters. Bennie Daniels scored 2 runs for the A's.

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DODGERS 3 1

Hayden Young tossed a 3 hitter, struck out 7 and walked only 1 batter to spark the Dodgers to a 3-1 win over the White Sox. The Dodgers scored 2 runs in the first inning behind 2 hits and then added an insurance run in the fifth to post the win.

Eric Simmons got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to pace the Dodgers at the plate, while Shane Blanton pitched for the Sox.

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REDS 2 1

The Reds made it two wins in a row with a narrow 2-1 victory over the A's. The score was tied after four innings and the Reds went up 2-1 in the fifth without getting a hit, then turned a double play with one out in the seventh to claim the victory.

Joel Kirkland and Mark Magwood combined to pitch a 1 hitter and fanned 7 batters to lead the

Reds, while Shane Spurlin and Mark Matthews combined for a 2 hitter in a losing effort for the A's.

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ASTROS & PIRATES TAKE CHARGE IN DYL

The Dixie Youth Baseball League had its preseason exhibition games last week and after playing two games apiece it looks like the Astros and Pirates will be the teams to beat in the upcoming season.

Following are highlights of the exhibition contests:

TIGERS 11 5

The Tigers erupted for 9 runs in the fifth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit and posted an 11-3 win over the Mets. The Mets jumped ahead with a two run first inning and appeared to be heading for the win until the Tigers exploded in the fifth to pull out the win.

The Tigers collected only 6 hits in the win, but took advantage of 9 walks and 5 errors to claim the win. The Mets got 5 hits in the loss.

ASTROS 14 8

The Astros scored in every inning to edge the Cardinals 14-8. The Cardinals jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning, but the Astros pulled even in the bottom of the frame and never looked back.

The Astros got 9 hits in the win, while the Cardinals got 5 hits.

METS 22 9

The Mets rallied to score 15 runs in the final two innings to dump the Yankees 22-9. The Yankees jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first inning, but couldn't hold on as the Mets rallied for the win.

The Mets combined 13 hits with 16 walks to roll up the runs, while the Yankees got 2 hits and received 13 walks.

COACHES NEEDED FOR YOUTH TEAMS

Coaches are still needed for minor league baseball and girls softball for the upcoming season. The baseball league is for boys ages 6-9, while the girls softball is for girls ages 9-12.

Anyone wishing to coach a team should contact Dennis Smith at 897-6833 or 897-2333. The leagues are expected to start the week of May 23.

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Kelley's, Cook & Hickman Open With Wins

The Men's Softball League opened its season last week with

Harco Bass Tourney Set For This Weekend At Lake Eufaula

Featuring a new payback schedule, it is expected the 500 person limit will be reached once again for this one-day tourney, which will be headquartered at Lakepoint State Park and Resort.

The payback schedule has been revised this year with a Glassstream Boss 180TE bass boat and matching trailer going to the winner. Second place has been greatly enhanced with the addition of a Glassstream 1500-V bass boat with matching Glaslride trailer. Based on a full field of 500 contestants, \$17,800 in cash awards will be distributed for third through 50th places, top three 6-man team winners and the Lunker Award. In addition to these prizes, the fishermen will also be eligible for several hundreds of dollars in "incentive bonuses" sponsored by Humminbird, Mann's Bait Company and Operation Bass/Redman.

The entry fee is \$60 per person with registration deadline at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 at Lakepoint Marina. A special auction and drawing for partners will be held on May 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Hosted locally by the Bluff City Bassmaster, Harco Drugs, Humminbird and Mann's Bait Company, the tournament has raised over \$100,000 during the past ten years for the Alabama Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranches.

For further information, contact a member of the Bluff City Bassmasters in Eufaula or Betty Heard at 345-2400.

Cook Chevrolet, Hickman Moving and Storage and Kelley's Packing all posting two wins to move atop the standings.

Following are complete opening week highlights:

KELLEYS 25 7

Kelley's Packing led all the way to pound the Elba Independents 25-7. Kelley's jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and never looked back in claiming the lopsided win.

Kenneth Hataway got 4 hits for Kelley's, while Ray added 3 and Ted Smart, O.C. King, Mike McKee and Joey all added 2. Ham and Kyle got 2 hits apiece for the Independents.

COOK CHEVROLET 19 CLAXTON CORNER 9

Cook Chevrolet pulled ahead early and pulled away late to dump Claxton Corner 19-9. Cook jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, but saw the lead slip to 11-8 before pulling away late.

Greg Parker and John Hudson got 4 hits apiece for Cook, while Greg Bailey, Rhett McCollough and Tim Dyess all added 3 and Mike Miley got 2. Farrell Dorsey, Michael Mosley, Joseph McCollough and Kenny all got 2 hits for Claxton.

ELBA MERCHANTS 36 0

The Elba Merchants combined 27 hits with 17 errors to destroy Kleiner's 36-0. The Merchants pulled ahead 15-0 after two innings and pulled away late to claim the win.

J.R. Helms and Wayne Sutley got 4 hits each for the Merchants, while Nip Ammons, Derek Young, David Sutley and Sanders all added 3 and Kenneth Sutley, Wayne Jack-

son and Warren Gaimore got 2 apiece. Kleiner's got only 1 hit in the loss.

HICKMAN MOVERS 8 COUNTY MERCH. 4

The Hickman Movers pulled ahead midway thru the game and held on to nip the County Merchants 8-4. The Merchants jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead, but the Movers moved on top 4-3 in the third and then pulled away for the win.

Glen Johnson got 3 hits for Hickman, while Rachel Moore added 2. Derek Young got 2 hits for the Merchants.

COOK CHEVROLET 19 KLEINERTS 8

Cook Chevrolet scored runs in bunches early in the game and rolled to a 19-8 win over Kleiner's. Kleiner's jumped ahead 5-0 in the top of the first, but saw Cook score 6 runs in the bottom of the inning and 7 in the second to take the lead for good.

John Hudson and Greg Bailey got 3 hits each for Cook, while Tim Dyess, Jamie Hudson, Chris Thigpen, Chris and John Osburn all added 2. Ricky got 2 hits for Kleiner's.

KELLEY'S PACKING 12 CLAXTON CORNER 0

Kelley's Packing coasted to a 12-0 win over Claxton Corner. Kelley's led only 1-0 after two innings, but took charge late to post the win.

Doyle Smart and Ron got 2 hits each for Kelley's, while Troy Hudson got 2 hits for Claxton.

HICKMAN MOVERS 10 ELBA MERCHANTS 0

Hickman pulled ahead early and

rolled to a 10-0 win over the Elba Merchants. The Movers grabbed a 6-0 lead in the second inning and never looked back in posting the win.

Glen Johnson got 3 hits for Hickman, while Rachel Moore added 2. Derek Young got 2 hits for the Merchants.

COOK CHEVROLET 18 ELBA IND. 8

The County Merchants pulled ahead early and rolled to a big 18-8 win over the Elba Independents. The Merchants pulled ahead 4-3 in the first and then scored 13 runs in the closing innings to grab the win.

Max Farris and Mike Farris got 3 hits each for the Merchants, while Lamar Sasser, Rhodes, Winters and Bowden all added 2. Strickland and ham got 3 hits apiece for the Independents, while Smith and Parker both got 2.

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DIXIE YOUTH

Thursday, May 5

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7:30 - Yankees vs. Astros

Monday, May 9

6:00 - Yankees vs. Cardinals

7:30 - Mets vs. Astros

Tuesday, May 10

6:00 - Mets vs. Tigers

7:30 - Astros vs. Pirates

BAKE RUTH

Thursday, May 5

6:00 - White Sox vs. A's

8:00 - Dodgers vs. Reds

Tuesday, May 10

6:00 - Dodgers vs. White Sox

8:00 - A's vs. Reds

MENS SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 5

6:30 - County Merchants vs. Cook Chevrolet

7:30 - Elba Merchants vs. Elba Independents

Monday, May 9

6:30 - Kleiner's vs. County Merchants

7:30 - Hickman Movers vs. Cook Chevrolet

8:30 - Elba Independents vs. Claxton Corner

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 - Kleiner's vs. Elba Merchants

7:30 - Claxton Corner vs. Hickman Movers

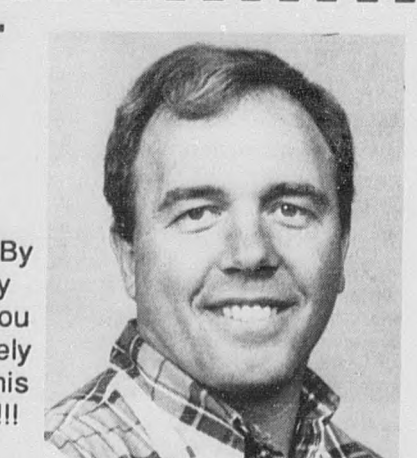
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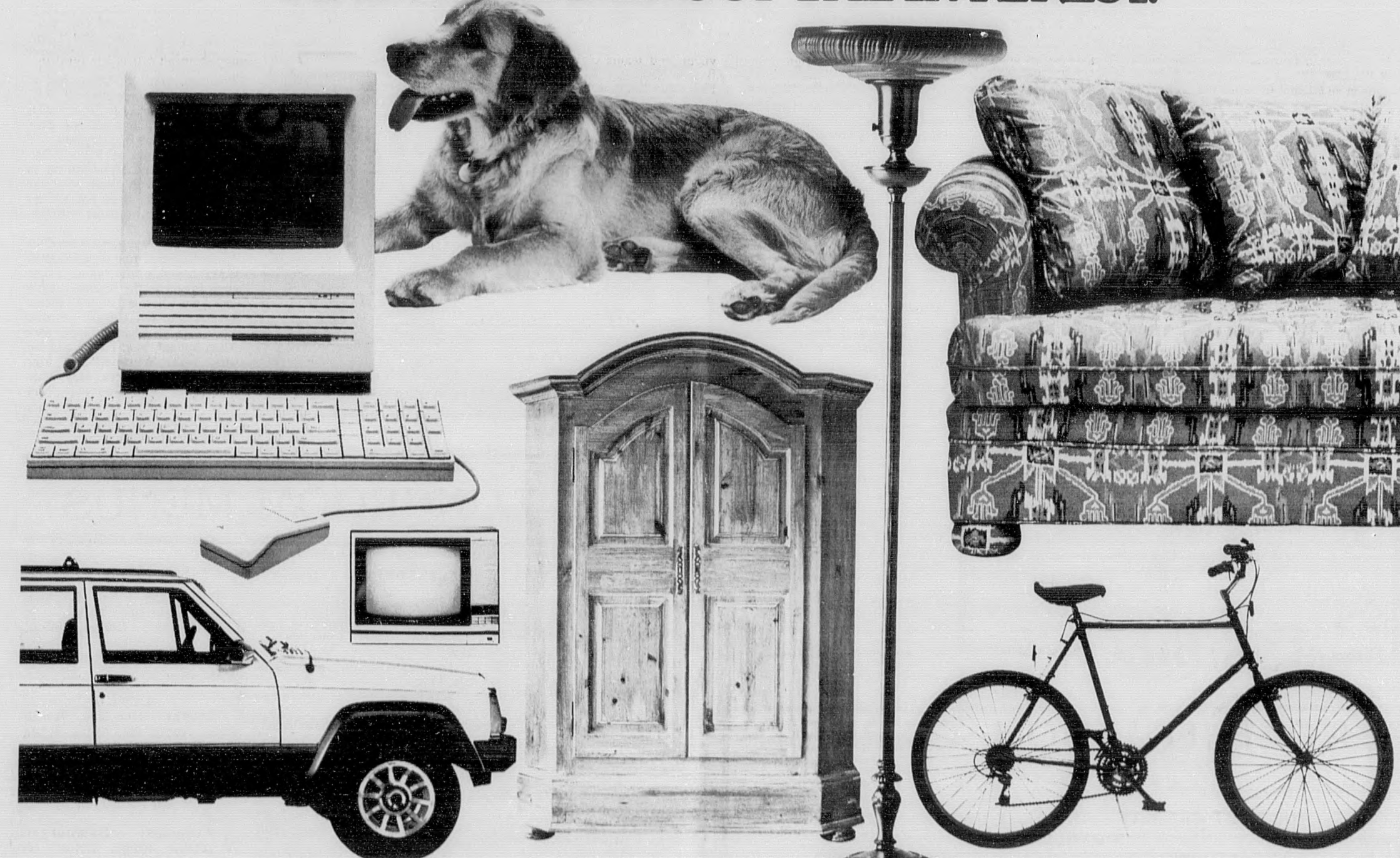
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And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth, but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." 1 Cor. 13:1-10

***Thinking of you, praying for you:

Mrs. Helen Folmar, Mrs. Clara Smith, Mrs. Alice McGovern, Mrs. Cathy Knight, Mrs. Alene Jones, Mr. L.T. Wade, Mr. L. McBride, Mrs. Lovee Brooks, Mrs. Wilma Henderson.

***Mrs. Mary Magwood, Taylor Mill Road, Elba, was hosting in her garden one day last week. Happy gardening, Mrs. Mary.

***Mrs. Allie G. Henderson was able to attend revival services at Rocky Head M.B. Church a night or two recently. Glad you felt well enough to just be there!

***Saw Mrs. Ella M. Shipman sitting in her mother's yard the other day - Mrs. Fannie Brooks.

***Mother's Day Program will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, on May 8, with theme of "Mothers."

Sunday School will be at 10, regular worship at 11:30. Welcome and occasion - Evelyn Guiley, Mistress of Order.

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News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO MAY 11, 1978

***Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tucker were honored in their home Sunday, May 7, with a surprise celebration of their 25th anniversary.

***Miss Gypsy Blue, age 97, of Elba, died May 6, 1978, in the Elba General Hospital. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

***Lia Lowery, student at Zion Chapel High School, was a recent competitor in the Miss South Alabama beauty contest.

***Rufus Williams displays an 8-lb. bass he caught while fishing in a private pond. ... James Bryant holds a 20-lb. turtle he caught Sunday.

***Little Patrick Scarborough celebrated his first birthday Tuesday, April 25. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kris Scarborough.

***Essay winners in the recent Anti-Litter Campaign sponsored by the Azalea Garden Club were: first place - Tiffany Harper and Kathy Tucker; second place - Cathylene Carpenter and Lana Lee.

TWENTY YEARS AGO MAY 9, 1968

***Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace, age 41, died in her sleep Tuesday morning following a two-year battle with cancer.

***The two-year-old Elba track team has been quite impressive in its activities. Members are Jerry Hanchey, Bruce Paul, Kenneth Manning, Mike Reeves, Danny Creel, Gary Sowards, Buddy Foreman, George Farris, Lamar Rainer, Larry Wambles, David Stinson, Donnie Wambles, Marion Price, James Mack, Dennis Smith, Johnny Sharpless, Joel Martin, Eddie Cooper, Ken Grogg, Don Wambles, Dean Smith, Dennis Bowers, and Coach Gary Powell.

***Mr. and Mrs. Louise Dismukes visited Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Hornsby, Larry and Randy of New Brockton. They attended the homecoming at El Bethel Church.

***The junior class of Zion Chapel High School was honored with a party Saturday night, May 4, at the home of Mrs. George Hoxner, class sponsor. After eating hamburgers with all the trimmings, the group

went to the Elba pool for a swim, and later enjoyed homemade ice cream.

THIRTY YEARS AGO MAY 8, 1958

***The Cow Pasture League last Sunday saw Curtis, Troy and Bradshaw remain undefeated, while the outcome of the Dozier - Mossy Grove game was protested. Jacobs, Archie and Beck led Curtis to a 10-3 victory over Victoria. Jacobs and Archie got two hits each while Beck struck out eight men, walking only one and giving up five hits.

***The importance of cotton to Alabama was re-emphasized this week by Gov. James E. Folsom who pointed out that it still accounts for 29.2 percent of the farm marketing in the state and produces a yearly income of some \$126 million.

***Through the Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: Forty-two members of the Class of 38 were entertained last Friday at five o'clock at Mrs. Mayo Prescott's home, when she was hostess at a lovely afternoon party honoring her niece, Miss Sue Carmichael. ... Congratulations went to Olive Ray and Shorty Martin on the arrival of their first son and third child. We are looking forward to seeing another baby rocked in the family cradle that lulled little Ann to sleep. ... We tried to hear that Eleanor and Joel Murphree will be moving to Key West in the fall. Joel has accepted a position in the school there. We shall miss the Murphrees and their smiling young son Joey.

***Virginia Lee Dorsey and Camellia Blanton, members of Elba High Future Homemakers, were awarded the State Homemakers' Degree at the district meeting in Enterprise. Others making the trip were Linda Spurlin, Patsy Boutwell and Sandra Farris.

***C.B. McDowell: Rev. Kie Sasser, pastor of the Elba Assembly of God Church, is building a pretty new residence at the corner of Williamson and Guyton Streets in West Elba. Sasser is doing most of the work himself and is doing a good job. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser are presently residing in the parsonage next to the church.

***Kinston News: Mr. and Mrs. Herschelle Daye and twin daughters Pamela and Patricia of Troy were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Daye. ... Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Miss Nell Williams and Mrs. F.C. Mason had as their guests this weekend Mr. F.C. Mason of Pensacola, Fla., Miss Susie Mae Williams and Mr. Barney Williams of Birmingham, and Mrs. Clara Jones of River Falls, Wis. Mason and Nell returned to Birmingham with Susie Mae and Barney to make their home after spending several months with Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

***Mrs. E.G. Bragg entertained the Willie Kelley Circle of the Baptist WMS Monday afternoon. Guests were seated in the hostess' lovely back yard where a delightful picnic lunch was served. Members present were Mrs. William Bullard, Mrs. Alton Bullard, Mrs. Terry Kendrick, Mrs. W.T. Whitman Sr., Mrs. C.R. Blackmon, Mrs. Jess Whitman, Mrs. J.A. Boutwell, Mrs. H.C. Taylor, Mrs. E.G. Bragg and two visitors, Mrs. Elmo Clark and Mrs. Ed Whitehead.

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Chris Thomas

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Sabrina Walden

Ammon Mackay

Myrica Anoa

Jason McKenzie

Josh Weems

WATSON

ALL A'S

Laleigh Adams

Clint Anderson

Crystal Burrows

Karen Capps

Charlie Driggers

Brandi Griffin

Brandie Head

Justin Nichols

Eric Broadus

Aric Brooks

Karen Harrison

Connie Lawson

WAKEFIELD

ALL A'S

Natalie Adkison

Comelius Burrows

Steven Crutchfield

Amy DeVaughn

Danny Grommes

Heather Koerner

Tracie Lee

Daniel O'Farrell

Patrick Witter

A & B

Brandy Adams

Natasha Edwards

Kasha Flowers

Marcus Brown

Tammie Lindsey

2ND GRADE

BAKER

ALL A'S

Jennifer Hornsby

Kyra Kelly

Kendall Merritt

Jessica Windham

Donna Spencer

A & B

Hope Adkison

Kassie Anderson

David Chestnut

Tasha Cooper

David Grubbs

Glenis Harris

Eddie Szczyk

Sonia Moore

Jim Lunsford

McCALL

ALL A'S

Tommy Hataway

Jason Lewis

Nicole Meeks

Stephanie Senn

Susie Stuckey

Miranda Wilkins

A & B

Jason Allums

Cedric Foster

Jerry Haynes

Michael Hines

Tony Holloman

Kortney Kelly

Denise Moore

Jeff Watson

3RD GRADE

MOCK

ALL A'S

Angie Tindal

Wesley Dean

Cheryl Bowman

A & B

Cindy Lawson

Amelia Olesby

Bobby Joe Flowers

Scott Hargrove

Damon Hughes

Bramon Mobley

Heath Hughes

Rene Ammons

Larry Szczyk

Jenny Hutchison

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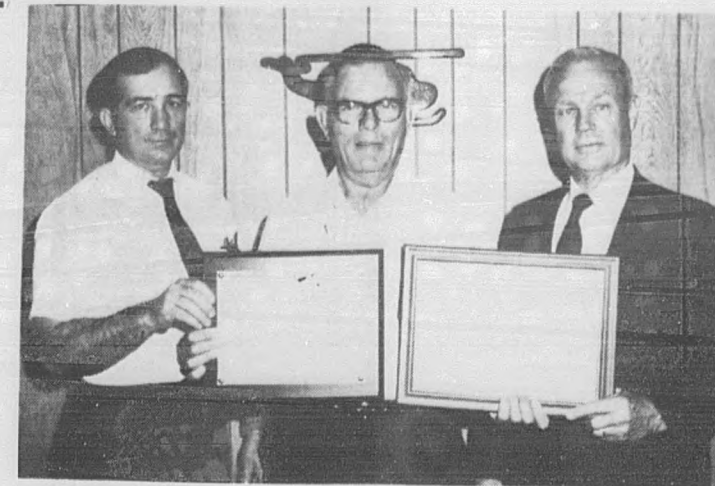
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Mandy Davis

Melania Davis

Lauren Edwards



(L-R): Lamar Grice, Sherrer, Ken Burton

Sherrer Retires At Ft. Rucker After 25 Years Of Service

Mr. Howard C. Sherrer recently retired from the Ft. Rucker Division of Sikorsky Support Services, Inc. He had been employed by the aircraft maintenance contractor for the U.S. Army Aviation Center and School since March, 1963.

At the time of his retirement he was a sheetmetal mechanic, Aircraft Maintenance, assigned to Lowe Field. During his years of employment, Sherrer had also worked as an armament mechanic.

A retirement ceremony was held in his honor and he was presented the Sikorsky Certificate of Appreciation by Ken Burton, general manager, assisted by Lamar Grice, manager, Aircraft Maintenance, Lowe Field.

Sherrer and his wife Inez reside in Elba. They have two daughters: Barbara Ann Adkison and Janice DeLoe Moore, and three grandchildren.

The new retiree plans to spend a lot of time in his cabinet shop, as well as fishing and traveling.

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THE WEEK OF MAY 8-14 has been declared as "Correctional Officer Week" in Alabama by Gov. Guy Hunt, and Elba began observation of the special time with Mayor Bob English signing a proclamation. Pictured are (L-R, seated): Ed Gullion, Director of Elba Work Release; Mayor English; Mark Kelley, Officer 1, Dept. of Corrections; (Standing): Joe Spurin, assistant director of Elba Work Release; Buck Chancellor, Officer 1, Dept. of Corrections.

Skinner Aids In Drug Arrest

Detrick Skinner, son of Mrs. Dorothy Skinner of Elba, was one of two officers making a significant drug arrest in Pearl River County, Miss., recently.

Poplarville (Miss.) Police Officer Skinner, along with Deputy Sheriff Len Landrum stopped two Louisiana men early one Sunday morning, who were subsequently charged with possession of marijuana over a kilo with intent to distribute and two misdemeanor charges for possession.

Skinner also has a deputy's commission.

The officers were operating with techniques learned at the state police academy under the Training Criminal Apprehension Program (TCAP). Officers in this program spend a week at the academy learning how to spot suspicious vehicles of criminals and drug smugglers who travel about the country regularly, according to Pearl River County Sheriff Lorraine Lumpkin.

The program is used extensively in Harrison County and St. Tammany Parish, La., and has resulted in a large number of arrests and drug seizures there.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS DEWEY CRABTREE, Plaintiff,
AND HELEN FRANCES CRABTREE, Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO. DR 88-27

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Helen Frances Crabtree, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer a petition for divorce filed by Thomas Dewey Crabtree by June 30, 1988, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be entered against her in Case No. DR 88-27 in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

GIVEN this 27th day of April, 1988.

JIM ELLIS
Circuit Clerk
5-5-4c

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 6, 1972, executed by A.W. Moultrie, to REAL ESTATE FINANCING, INC., which mortgage is recorded in Mortgage Book 55-A, Page 211, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 31st day of May, 1988, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of the SE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of Section 10, T7N, R22E with the North side of the Bryarville Highway and thence 381 degrees 50' W (Magnetic) along the North side of said highway, 105 feet; thence N1 degree - 00' W, 210 feet; thence N81 degrees - 30'E, 105 feet to the East line of said forty; thence S1 degree - 00'E along the East line of said forty, 210 feet to the point of beginning. Said lot being in the SE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of Section 10, T7N, R22E and containing 0.501 acres, more or less, together with all improvements situated thereon.

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4-28-3c

ESTATE OF HILDA S. LUNSFORD DECEASED

PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of April, 1988, by the Hon. Marion B. Brunson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ JAMES C. SWAIN
4-21-3c

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For Sale

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Surplus-N-Such, 500 Davis St., Elba, next to Dell De-lite. Open Thur, Fri & Sat. 5-5-11c

FLOWER SALE: Buy a single stem silk flower in our stock that normally sells for up to \$1.99 per stem, for the super low price of only 25¢ per stem. Your final cost. Lots and lots of silk flowers for only 25¢ - your final cost. Please come by and pick these out as we won't take any telephone orders for these.

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SPECIAL FURNITURE SALE - Does your church or organization need new furniture? This week we will have samples of folding chairs, children and adult stack chairs, folding tables. If you can buy a brand new 8-ft. folding table for less than \$50.00 - buy it! If not, come and take a look at these. Also 4-5- and 6-ft. available. First line and seconds at cheap prices.

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TANDY TRS 80. Model III Micro-computer. Two Typewriters (both need repair). Toastmaster Electric Oven (mod. size). Day - 897-3431; Night - 897-3785. 5-5-4c

LAMP SALE - We bought a close-out Shell Lamp that normally sells for around \$75.00 each right here in Elba, but for you - our customers - Saturday morning only, we will sell you a pair - not one - for the super low price of \$25.00 for the pair - your final cost. These will be with plain shades. If you change shades, these will be extra. If we run out we will take rainchecks till 12:00 Noon, Sat., May 7. These are seconds. Sorry, no exchange or return.

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GIFT WRAPPING PAPER - All occasion gift wrapping - 3 rolls that regularly sell for up to \$6.00. Let's clean this good clean stock out at \$1.00 - your final cost. Come by early as there won't be much left at this price.

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GLASS SALE - Come downtown Saturday, the 7th of May, and get your one a year price on a regular \$1.00 item that we will sell you for only 10¢ - final cost! That's right we will have glass that we will sell for 10¢ - and we will mark a lot of others down where at our regular 50% off is cheap, but this will be even cheaper.

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Elba Dairy Queen. Position open for counter help. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Apply in person to Mr. Jacobs. 4-28-1c

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MISS ZION CHAPEL...The annual Miss Zion Chapel pageant was held last week and crowned as the new Miss Zion Chapel 1988 was Tammy Duncan, a senior at Zion Chapel High School. Tammy is the daughter of Mrs. Sheila Duncan. Fran Wallace (left) was named first runnerup and Gina Hucab (right) was named second runnerup.



LITTLE MISS ZION CHAPEL...The annual Little Miss Zion Chapel pageant was held last week and crowned as the new Little Miss Zion Chapel 1988 was Kendra Leigh Ward, the daughter of Mary and Kenneth Ward, of Rt. 2, Brundidge. The new Little Miss is six-years-old, has blue eyes and blonde hair and has one brother and two sisters. Stacey Jinnright (left) was named the first runnerup, while Amanda Rainey was named second runnerup.

Japanese Visitor Shares Culture With Students

The students and teachers in the Coffee County School System have had the unique opportunity this spring to learn about the people and culture of Japan, not through a textbook or film, but through actual firsthand communications as Ikuko Serita, a representative of the Japanese Internship Program, has visited and shared her education about her native country.

In the intern program, non-salaried Japanese interns offer first-hand education about Japan's rich customs, history, geography, art and a blend of traditional activities such as calligraphy, cooking, paper craft, ceremonies and much, much more!

While in the United States, the sponsoring agency designs and organizes a schedule of activities for

the intern, integrates the intern into the actual instructional program and finds a host family for the intern. Ikuko Serita, a clothing designer in Japan, came to the United States in October and is being sponsored by the Andalusia City Schools and the Coffee County School System. She spent October through January in Andalusia and came to Coffee County in February, beginning her trek in the county schools at Kinston. She is presently completing a one month stay at New Brockton and during the month of May will be at Zion Chapel.

"I think the purpose of my visit is to introduce the Japanese culture to the American students and teachers, explain the Japanese school system and also learn from the students about American ways," stated

Serita during a break at the New Brockton Elementary School. "I learned of the program by accident, but was interested immediately and happy to get the chance to come to the United States."

Miss Serita explained that in Japan all children are required to attend school for nine years, beginning at age six. The students are required to attend six years at the elementary level and three years at the junior high and may also attend three years of high school, although the program is not mandatory. Despite the non-mandatory factor in high school, over 90 percent of Japanese students graduate from high school.

"The students attend school six days a week from 8:30 until 2:40 for a total of 240 days a year," added Serita. "Each period is forty minutes long and the students try very hard to learn so they can advance to the next level. While English is required for a total of six years in school, the actual teaching is only through writing and reading, no speaking of the language is taught."

"One of the most important aspects of Japanese education is the required entrance examinations for all students," explained the Japanese intern. "There are entrance exams at every level of education and the competition is keen because passing the exams and advancing to the next level has not only educational pressure, but also pressure from the family and the entire social structure."

"I like the schools in the United States because the students are more relaxed and are not pressured constantly to excel at all levels," said Serita. "The students here are very smart and study very hard, but they enjoy going to school and have fun while they are going."

A major difference in Japanese education is the emphasis on "effort over intelligence."

According to Miss Serita, children who are having trouble learning are told the problems arise simply because the students are not trying hard enough. The students are told that they are not very smart, but at the same time the students know that if they try hard enough they will be able to make it even though they are not intelligent. If a student doesn't try hard enough he is told that he is letting his group down, letting his family down and letting his nation down. Moral and character development precedes academic development and a special "effort prize" is cherished over a similar "excellence prize."

Another emphasis in Japanese education is that of group conformity. Teachers establish groups in the early grades and these groups are used by the teachers to enforce discipline. If a child is misbehaving, the teacher often won't speak to the child directly, but might speak to the class as a group and ask the other students if the behavior of the student in question is best for the class. Through this method, the student can be singled out, while at the same time not be singled out and remain part of the group and realize his importance to the group.

The importance of values and correct behavior goes far beyond the classroom and is practiced at the home. A child is taught very carefully how to hang his coat, how to arrange his plate at the table and how to best present his manners at all times. Many of the values date back to the Shinto and Confucian moral codes and are centered around the values of respect for elders and for authority, as well as the values of cleanliness and a hard work ethic.

The strength of the Japanese group is often mentioned as a major factor in the success of the country; however, Miss Serita stated that she felt the system also caused many weaknesses.

One major weakness pointed out by Miss Serita was that the emphasis on effort tends to create people who are "tense and workaholics."

Another weakness is the belief that the students are to be taught at the same level, no matter the intelligence level of the student. This creates extra pressure on the students who are not able to keep up and who must also take the entrance exams.

A lack of individualism, according to Miss Serita, often leads to the individual becoming lost. It also leads to bullying because many children who are having difficulty pay the price by being punished by the group for not conforming.

When asked about her stay in the United States, Ikuko stated "I have really enjoyed my stay and hope to come back. It has taken a while to get used to the foods because Americans eat so many sweets and the foods are so heavy. The clothes are the same as in Japan in that we all like to wear jeans and sneakers, so while there are many differences there are also many things that are the same."

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Former Elba policeman asks to be put back to work

The Elba City Council heard a request for reinstatement from a former city police officer Monday night and also voted to take bids on construction of the pool around the courthouse fountain presently under renovation.

Former police officer Michael Patrick addressed the city council and said, "All I have to say is I would like to get back on the force." He continued with, "I have some signatures of people who want me back on."

Patrick then presented Mayor Bob English with a stack of papers that contained names of people requesting his reinstatement. The pages contained varying numbers of names from a few to full pages.

English looked at the pages one at a time and passed them to each council member. He then told Patrick that the police department was "Now at full force and we are not hiring. When we do, you would have to go back through the system and get recommended by the chief."

He added, "That is the way it is set up in our city code."

Reverend W. T. Harris addressed the council in Patrick's behalf and said, "I think everyone deserves a second chance."

Council member Jack Prescott noted that according to the letter shown council members, Patrick was told to either "resign or be fired". He added that the man had a right to a hearing before the council and should have been told this at the time.

Patrick did get a hearing before the council in executive session after the resignation had been accepted. Patrick talked with the council members as did a number of people, both for and against his continued employment as a police officer. At that time the city council came out of the executive session and voted unanimously to uphold Chief John White's recommendation that the resignation be accepted.

Council member John W. Sharpless said, "We have our department heads and we must depend on them. If you and the chief agree on your re-employment, then I agree. Otherwise I think it should stay like it is."

Prescott again spoke up and asked English, "Do you think we should have told him of his rights... either as or the chief?"

English said, "I don't know, I am not a lawyer."

The council voted to solicit bids on the goldfish pool around the fountain presently under restoration. The city and the council will share the cost of some of these repairs and donations are being solicited from the public.

The council also gave final approval to applying for a federal grant to complete some drainage work between the football school and the middle school plus some short work projects in other areas.

Present to present the proposal to the council and any interested parties attending the public hearing on the project was Sherrill Lewis, of Southeast Alabama Planning Commission, in a two-hour session.

Bills totaling \$9,042.05 were approved for payment. English noted this total was down some from previous months.

Water & Electric Board saves \$190,000

The Elba Water and Electric has saved \$190,775 in a deal with the Farmer's Home Administration in which the utility refinanced a bond issue of money borrowed from the government to pay for some utility improvements several years ago. The savings were possible due to FHA giving a huge discount for early repayment of the loan.

FHA officials worked out a deal with Hugo Marx & Co. of Birmingham in which \$200,000 in new money will be borrowed at seven and one half percent interest. This money will pay off the existing \$273,000 balance on the principal

of the loan at a discount of almost one third. The actual percent being paid on the total loan is 66.647%. This works out to be something around \$185,000 including accrued interest. Adding cost of the bond issue, the utility is borrowing the \$200,000 and paying it back over a 20-year period, thus cutting 15 years off the total payoff time.

The cut back of the payoff time will increase the monthly payments about \$300 a month but will figure into the saving of the \$190,775.

According to Hugo Marx III, who appeared before the utility

Thursday afternoon with the details of the transaction, this is part of the federal government's efforts to raise money and they are willing to take the heavy discount to get their hands on cash money. Marx explained that the utility is able to take advantage of this hefty savings because of the government's financial condition. He noted they had been packaging these loans in large groups and selling them to private investment groups and the investors were reaping the savings; however the changes in procedures allow city governments to reap the savings themselves.

Under the original loan terms the utility board would have paid \$584,650 in principal and interest between now and the completion of the payoff in 2023. However the new bond issue will cost the utility (utility users) of Elba only \$393,875, thus saving the \$190,775.

Elba fountain funds begin to rise

Another meeting in the long chain designed to completely renovate the landmark flowing well fountain on the courthouse lawn in Elba was held Thursday afternoon in the main courtroom of the Elba courthouse.

The meeting was called by Probate Judge Marion Brunson and was attended by about 20 city and county officials and interested citizens.

Mr. Henry Wheeler, an ornamental iron professional from Dothan was present to show some possible designs and help the group decide which direction it would be best to follow.

Wheeler noted that a fountain along the lines desired by those present could be purchased at a price varying from \$4,000 to about \$9,000. Add this to the four or five thousand for repairing the pool; two thousand for brick work on the wall and walkway; more for water fountains and electric lights and pumps and the total price for the Elba flowing well renovation will probably exceed \$12,000.

Brunson, Elba Mayor Bob English and County Commissioner Robert Stephens estimate they have on hand or committed about half the needed funds.

Additional funds are still being solicited and anyone interested in making a donation can make checks to the Flowing Well Restoration Fund and mail or deliver the check to Judge Brunson, English or Stephens.

Another meeting is scheduled for

the near future at which time picture of about four different fountains will be reviewed by the group and actual cost will be determined.

Commission ok's water application

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 9 at the courthouse in Enterprise and gave final approval to an application for federal funding that would allow the rural water systems in the county to extend their systems and also allow other rural areas to establish such systems.

Jack Griffith, of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission, presented the final draft of the application at Monday's meeting and after brief explanation of the process got the commission's approval for the \$1 million project.

The federal funding, if approved, would be on a matching basis with the individual water systems supplying the local match.

In other action at the bi-weekly meeting, the commission:

**split the contract on plant mix between three companies, depending on the location of work being done in the county;

**was introduced to Stan Windham, a new member of the Coffee County Extension Service;

**heard Maxie Seary report on overcrowded conditions at the county health department in Enterprise involving the keeping of death records;

**agreed to clean up a garbage dump near a church in Enterprise with approval from the landowner and pastor;

**learned that a \$6,000 grant to begin the work on organization of a countywide water system had been approved;

**approved a request to open bids on traffic signs, fuel and machinery parts at the next meeting;

**received a fuel consumption report from the county engineer;

**received a mail showing the roads that had been recently bladed in the county;

**approved a request from the county engineer that for the remain-

der of the Fiscal Year all 2 cent funds be automatically transferred to the 3R Fund, in the highway department.

**took no action on a request by Comm. Sid Averett that roads 86, 88, 89 and the Boy Scout Road be bush-hogged;

**agreed to meet with the county engineer on May 16 to study the possibility of adding additional workers to do bush-hogging in the county;

**was told the state had approved a resurfacing plan for the county;

**approved a request by an Enterprise car dealer to rent the county fairgrounds at New Brockton for a special car sale in June;

**approved the extension of the South Crenshaw Water Authority into an area of Coffee County;

**was reminded that May 12 is Older Americans Day and a special program is scheduled at the Enterprise Civic Center;

**was informed that May 13 will be designated as Ned Folmar Day in Coffee County;

**agreed to adopt formal guidelines for future rent of farm center facilities;

May 23 on a request to close a dirt road in Goodman.

Lawsuit contends city school board met secretly with superintendent

any action on the extended employment until public notice has been given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Elba for four consecutive weeks.

Enterprise attorney James H. Weatherford is serving as Boswell's attorney in this case.

A temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Terry Butts that prohibited the board from discussing this matter prior to the date of a hearing set for Friday, May 20.

The board did meet Tuesday evening and didn't discuss the contract. The only discussion on the matter was a motion for the superintendent and Chairman Maddox to recommend an attorney to defend the suit and call a special meeting for the board to approve the hiring of this person.

Those charged in the suit on Tuesday evening denied they had been involved in any secret meeting on the contract extension.

The Elba City School Board and Superintendent C. W. Crews have been served with a lawsuit claiming several board members were involved in a secret meeting with Crews and conspired and agreed among themselves that the contract of employment of Crews be extended for four additional years.

A temporary contract is valid until the summer of 1989.

Named as members meeting in the alleged secret meeting were Crews, Chairman Tom Maddox, Stan Marsh and William Cowart.

The suit, filed by Gerald Boswell of Elba and filed in the Coffee County Circuit Court, further contends the agreement was to be implemented at the board meeting which was held Tuesday evening, May 10.

The suit also requests that the defendants be enjoined from taking

Goshen Telephone

Company receives

\$1 million REA loan

United States Senator Richard Shelby was joined by Senator Howell Hefflin and Congressman Bill Dickinson last week in announcing that the Goshen Telephone Company had been awarded a \$1,031,000 loan from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The loan will be used to finance facilities to connect 73 new subscribers, finance 2.5 miles of telephone line and modify 40.9 miles of existing line and finance system improvements.

The Goshen Telephone Company services Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties.

In making the announcement, Sen. Shelby stated "I am pleased that REA has approved this substantial loan for the Goshen Telephone Company. Telephone communications has become the most relied upon form of communications in our country and with this federal loan I feel confident that the Goshen Telephone Company will be able to expand and improve its service to meet the needs of its many customers in the Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw county areas."

We would like to strongly urge the citizens of Coffee County to make sure their domestic animals have been treated for rabies within the past year and to beware of wild-life out of its natural habitat.

Kinston's St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Bike-a-thon" will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon) and everyone is urged to come out and ride!

Riders under 18 years of age must have their sponsor sheet filled out and signed by their parents prior to the beginning of the ride and registration, refreshments and rest room facilities will be provided at the Kinston United Methodist Church.

The rider or walker turning in the most money will receive a 12" scooter, while the one making the most laps will receive a badminton game. Each rider and walker will receive a certificate and everyone turning in \$25 will receive a t-shirt. Those turning in \$75 will receive a t-shirt and duflie bag.

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Rabies clinics set for county

Alabama Law, (Section 3-7, 1 through 15) requires that all dogs and cats over the age of 12 weeks must be vaccinated annually against rabies, and a Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, May 14 to accomplish this vaccination.

Pets must be vaccinated prior to June 11, according to the Coffee County Health Dept.

Schedule of locations in the county is as follows:

Bethany Church - 8 - 9 a.m.
Robert Stephens Store - 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Goodman Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Ino Community - Woods Store - 12:30 - 1 p.m.

New Brockton City Hall - 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Tindol's Tire Store (Hwy 167) - 1 - 2:15 p.m.

New Hope Baptist Church - 2:30 - 4 p.m.

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